

**The Presque Isle Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**April 14, 2024**

**Prelude** Barbara Merryman

**Welcoming Music** *You Are Welcome Here*

**Words of Welcome** Melissa Vance

**Introit** *We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear*

**Call to Worship**

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Come and see the love God has given to us.

**Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

**With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

**Invocation**

Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

**Two Minute Message** Rev. Dr. Diane Langworthy

**Choral Anthem** *Be Thou My Vision* PIUCC Choir

**Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 24:36b-48**

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

**Response:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: May our hearts hear and our lives respond!**

**Sermon** Opening Minds?! . Dr. Diane Langworthy

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Invitation:** Let us bring our offerings before God with Thanksgiving!

## **Prayer of Dedication**

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.  
(Source: Thom Shuman)

## **Time of Silent Prayer**

For what do you offer thanks? What do you grieve? For what do you seek forgiveness? Where do you need help? Where is there a call to act? Invite the Spirit's guidance.

**We Meet at Christ's Table**                      Rev. Dr. Diane Langworthy

**Reflective Music**    Barbara Merryman

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

## **Sharing Our Joys, Concerns, and Sightings of the Holy Spirit**

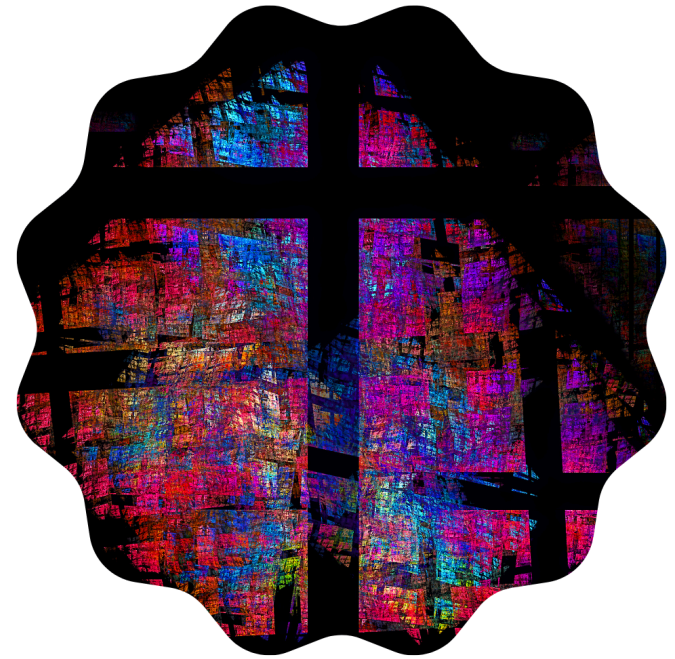
**Closing Hymn**                      *Sanctuary*                      (Sing three (3) times)

## **Benediction**

**Sung Response**                      *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you.

With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.



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